



Willard Cecil Morrison

August 28, 1936 - March 28, 2015

Willard Cecil Morrison was born in Randolph, Nebraska on August 28, 1936 to Leonard Cecil Morrison and Vera Alice DeKay. He was the fourth of eight children. Soon after his birth, his parents moved from Randolph, later settling their family in the small town of Manson, Washington. Willie and his siblings grew up in their new home, nestled among a small family run apple orchard. As Willie grew, he found he had a love for not only hunting, but for fishing too. Willie graduated from Manson High School in 1954 and entered the Army soon after. He served for 4 years as a paratrooper, before returning to his home in Washington. He began taking classes in Seattle to become a lineman, and signed on with Puget Power.

In 1962, He met his sweetheart Suzanne Mae Hylton at The Blue Moon Café in Wenatchee, and one month later they were married. They went on to have three children: William Leonard, Wendy Carol Ann, and Wally (who died at birth).

During the summer months, Willie would moonlight as a guide on the Kenai River in Alaska, and soon earned himself the nickname "West Coast Willie." He had a great time fishing the cold northern waters and catching King Salmon, but he had an even greater time retelling his fishing stories to others. Willie retired from Puget Power in 1994 as a foreman after 34 years of service. He started a garden/landscape business until 1998. During this time, his love for flowers, especially roses, blossomed. At one time, his yard was the proud home to over 200 rose bushes.

At the turn of the millennium, Willie and Suzie became grandparents. They helped take care of each of their grandchildren, Sawyer and Cooper, until they each started preschool at the age of three.

Willie out lived his wife Suzie who passed away in 2010. Soon after her death, his health began to deteriorate, and he was moved into assisted living care in Wenatchee. He lived for another 5 years, before dying of a heart attack on March 28, 2015 at the age of 79.

Willie is survived by, his two children, two grandchildren, a sister, and three brothers. A celebration of his life will be held on April 25, 2015 at the home of his son William Leonard Morrison and Lindsey Morrison, for close friends and family.

You are invited to view his online guestbook at www.Heritagememorialchapel.com.

Arrangements assisted by Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.